

United States Department of Agriculture Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

This invitation is for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside <u>only</u>, see FAR 52.219-27 Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside.

Agricultural Marketing Service

FV-302

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Washington, DC

20250

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Canned Vegetables, Announcement FV-302, Invitation 066

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Monday, August 7, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 21, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from October 16, 2006 through November 30, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Tomato Paste

6/#10 can

9,120 cases

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an Invitation.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is http://orca.bpn.gov. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.



Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the Site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-302; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables dated April 2004, as amended; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-302, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk (*).

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV302 INVITATION : 066

COMM GROUP : 36 VEGETABLES, CANNED COMM TYPE : 72 TOMATO PASTE PACK SIZE : 61 6/#10 CAN

	DESTINATION CITY	ST 	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/06 - 10/31/06					
001	JACKSONVILE/FAS (PUERTO RICO)	FL	TRUCK ONLY	912	
002	JACKSONVILE/FAS (PUERTO RICO)	FL	TRUCK ONLY	912	
003	MOBILE WINTER HAVEN		TRUCK ONLY	416 496	
004	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	912	
005	PUEBLO WEST	CO	TRUCK ONLY	912	
006	LONG BEACH POMONA		TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY		
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/06 - 11/15/06					
007	JACKSONVILE/FAS	FL	TRUCK ONLY	912	
800	ROCKVILLE	MD		912	
009	AMERICUS DOUGLAS		TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY		
010	PUEBLO WEST	CO	TRUCK ONLY	912	
TOTA	L QUANTITY FOR CO	OMMC	DITY TYPE	9,120	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				9,120	

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